



SHAG ISLET CRUISING YACHT CLUB

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For the year 2017 /18 you have raised \$81,000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

This now brings to over \$600,000 as the total amount raised by SICYC for Prostate Cancer Awareness and Research

CONGRATULATIONS “SHAGGERS”

SICYC Flying the flag for Prostate Cancer..



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Our partners are the life and soul of Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club. without their commitment and support to, SICYC would not be what it is today.

These sponsors are true partners and are part of US. Without their help support and loyalty we would not be in a position to have raised over \$600,000 for Prostate Cancer Awareness and Research.

Your personal contribution to this family partnership is very important.....

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Oceanic is an SICYC partner...

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They work closely with leading Australian Insurers and will develop a policy that is specifically for SICYC "Vice Commodores"

- **Quotes are easily obtained**
- **5% of all premiums are donated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia on behalf of SICYC.**
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RENDEZVOUS 2018



Sea Safety Course

Avery busy and action packed Rendezvous, kicked off with the Sea Safety Course, conducted by Terrance from Mainstay Sailing. The course consisted of a theory session followed by a get wet session (dinghy drill) and practical flare handling and firing





Theory training in the grounds of Cape Gloucester Resort



Flare training on the beach and liferaft drill in the cape Gloucester pool

The “MEET AND GREET”

The Rendezvous kicked off with the meet and greet at Cape Gloucester Resort. Old friendships rekindled and new friends made.





A sea of Blue Polos



Julie was busy painting Port and Starboard Toe Nails



TIANA STARTED EARLY CUTTING HAIR AND RAISED \$1,900.. Thanks and well done ..



The Jocks.. Tony and Tully Mars .. provided a great music event information, partnership information.. all with a big smile!!!



Meet and Greet entertainment "Out of our Trio"
Provided by Cape Gloucester Resort...



GCCM have become a major partner of SICYC.

GCCM supports Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club

By Ian Howarth

SICYC Vice Commodore

Four days of pirates, parrots and support for prostate cancer research neatly summarises the reasoning behind the annual Shag Islet Rendezvous held at Cape Gloucester, just north of Airlie Beach each year.

Having fun is the key to the Rendezvous but there is a serious side to the event which strongly supports the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, raising over \$80,000 this year and over \$500,000 in the past six years for research and prostate cancer awareness programs.

With more than 6000 members, and growing rapidly, the Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club is Australia's fastest growing yacht club and brings together the entire spectrum of the boating community.

No matter the type of boat SICYC members are united by common themes; Love of the water, love of a party and a strong sense of community demonstrated by the support for prostate cancer research.

This years' Shag Islet Rendezvous in late August, attracted more than 120 boats and their crews, ranging from serious motor boats, approaching super yacht territory, down to trailable tinnies and everything in between as well as every type of yacht with one, two or even three hulls.

If it floats you'll probably find one at 'Shaggers'.

Which is why Gold Coast City Marina recently joined the expanding list of sponsors of the event.

Sponsorships are always driven by twin objectives – the obvious business advantage and a desire to build on the community spirit engendered by events like the Shag Islet Rendezvous.

For Luke McCaul, General Manager customer experience and property management, the opportunity for GCCM to increase boating community awareness of its facilities and services through support of SICYC and to generate a positive community outcome made its support an easy choice.

Luke previously worked in Airlie Beach where he saw first-hand the support the ‘Shaggers’ event generated.

“Moving from Abell Point to Gold Coast I saw the value in getting involved in SICYC,” Luke said.

“It’s about people and chipping in along the way. It’s good to be able to nourish the souls of these (SICYC) guys. It’s an open relationship and creates a real boating community.”

“It doesn’t matter where you are from or what boat you have,” he said.

That neatly reflects the Gold Coast City Marina philosophy.

While the marina has the capacity to lift and work on super yachts, it also caters to the wider boating fraternity, a message Luke McCaul is keen to spread.

“At GCCM we have the capacity to lift out super yachts and there has been a perception in the boating community that we don’t service smaller boats.”

“Despite what people have heard we are here to service every type of boat. We have over 80 trades people on site and two or three types of every trade so there is competition which guarantees good service,” said Luke.

Similarly the Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club has its serious side.

While the rendezvous always features a series of parties, often with a pirate theme and always with fun in mind, the prostate cancer research support provides the sense of community and helps generate the strong financial support of members.

Luke McCaul saw that opportunity and grabbed it.

“We wanted to get involved in raising money for prostate cancer research but we also wanted to demonstrate that we are just normal people – part of the community.”

GCCM’s support “Is about the community – and providing a good outcome for our customers.”

SICYC has developed into a social network for like-minded boaties to get together, share stories, experiences and create an “assistance network” for the cruising group. The SICYC

hold multiple social events throughout the year and across Australia for fun with the spin off being fund raising.

Many cruising boat people also fall in to the prostate cancer age range, so naturally the Prostrate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) has become the group's charity of choice.

To maintain its "exclusively non-exclusive" concept of boaties from all walks of life having fun, all members of SICYC, or 'Shaggers' as they are colloquially called, become 'Vice Commodores' and share the same membership number on joining.

Where is Shag Islet?

Shag Islet is a tiny islet in the Gloucester Passage at the top end of the Whitsunday Islands. It's about the size of a football field has nothing on it except a flag pole but it is well worthy of official recognition by all who attend the annual Rendezvous



[Look for the SICYC Flag flying from the GCCM tower.](#)



[Look forward to friendly personalised service by their fantastic staff](#)

If you are local or on your way South, take advantage of the partnership discounts offered by Gold Coast City

**Marina and Shipyard. Support those who support
SICYC and the PCFA.**

GCCM VIP SHAGGERS SPECIALS

- 10% off GCCM casual marine berth rates
- 5c off per litre for fuel/diesel at GCCM
 - 10% off GCCM hardstand fees
 - 10% off GCCM haulout fees
 - 10% off GCCM waterblast fees
- Complimentary upgrade from hardstand to refit shed at GCCM
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To make a booking with GCCM, email the friendly team at
info@gccm.com.au

**A very special Prostate Cancer
awareness Breakfast**

If you missed the SICYC 2018 Rendezvous Special Breakfast hosted by Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, with guest speaker Dr Michael Gillman providing valuable information about Prostate Cancer, catch up on the latest information in the video here.

It's around half an hour long, so grab a coffee, relax and stay up to date.

Video thanks to [WASP NQ](#).

**COUPLES MUST WATCH THIS VIDEO
CLICK BELOW:**

<https://youtu.be/lfVLzC3Jop0>

2018 Rendezvous Breakfast - Guest Speaker Dr Michael Gillman

SICYC 2018 Rendezvous Special Breakfast hosted by Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, with guest speaker Dr Michael Gillman providing...

The Shag Islet Party

The weather was perfect! The Tide was just right! A wonderful afternoon was had by all.



The sausage sizzle was provided and manned by the local community



The 10th rendezvous cake was cut and quickly devoured



Happy faces and good cheer!





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BLANC sur BLANC (White on White)

The Blanc sur Blanc was held on Friday night of the Rendezvous the beach overlooking the assembled SHAGGER Fleet

This function was donated by Fish D'vine, which included an elegant tented setting, a Five Star meal and included champagne on arrival, red and white wine.

The setting was for 50 guests and a fee of \$100 ea charged per person... \$5,000 to the PCFA and a fantastic night to remember.

Tickets to Blanc sur Blanc sold online in 10 days and Kevin from Fish D'vine has offered seating for 100 guests for Rendezvous 2019.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO KEVIN AND HIS REALLY WONDERFUL STAFF.

When you are next in Airlie Beach .. drop into the Rum Bar / Fish D'vine and thank Kevin and his staff for their support.



The lights of the Rendezvous fleet in the background





fish D'vine



A few lovely words from first time SHAGGERS ..

"We have just left beautiful Gloucester passage after enjoying the sensational 2018 Shaggers Rendezvous. We first heard about Shaggers in 2016 on the Creek to Coast TV show and thought we must do that one day as it looked so much fun and was supporting such a good cause in the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Fast forward to 2018 with retirement, and buying our boat "Moon Shadow", we headed to Shag Island as virgin Shaggers!

The Rendezvous lived up to all our expectations and much much more. The festivities, music and mayhem were wild but the best part of all was the opportunity to meet fellow cruisers to share their stories and experiences.

We also particularly enjoyed Dr Michael and Professor Judith's informative presentation. Such an important part of the event and one not to be missed.

Another highlight was watching the Shagger stalwarts walk the plank!

Thanks to yourselves, your committee and band of helpers for such a fabulous weekend which began with your warm welcome and ended with friendships that I am sure will grow and develop as we cruise this beautiful region.

See you next year!"

Kind regards

Vice Commodores Mick and Donna Neill

Moonshadow



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Thanks tp Paul Darouzett, once again "Norseman" was the centre piece of Hands Across the Blue.



Due to the stiff breeze on the day, conditions were not suitable to form the prostate cancer logo on the water however 109 dinghies rafted up behind "Norseman" and enjoyed some great music and were welcomed by Jason Costigan MP member for the Whitsundays, Andrew Wilcox Mayor of Whitsunday Regional Council, and Distinguished Professor Judith Clements AC Chair of PCFA Qld.



On completion of the presentation Paul invited everybody on board "Norseman" for Champagne and Canapes. Everybody patiently waited their turn and enjoyed Pauls hospitality. This truly symbolises the family relationship between our partners and our members.



Well I guess somebody has to do it!!!!

Boats of all shapes and sizes



The Rendezvous fleet looked like a city at night with anchor lights and coloured directive lights

Berth Offer East Coast Marina

East Coast Marina (located in Manly Boat Harbour) offers SICYC “vice Commodores 15% off casual berth fees for stays up to 6 Months.

A really great offer for those wishing to summer over in Brisbane,

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Some went to a lot of effort decorating their boats, competing for the best dressed boat by day and night.



During the judging fun was had by all!





Kuzi complete with Hogster





Thanks to everybody for your effort...



DISCOUNTS

**For discounts offered by partners of SICYC go to
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Click on Sponsors.**



The annual Group Photo on the beach in front of Cape Gloucester Resort



The Parrot Head Party



The headline act the “BARBARY COASTERS”, our favourite Parrot Head tribute band..



A beautiful setting as the sun went down.



Cheers Cheers and more Cheers



Some a little crazy!!!



Some rally crazy.







Gladstone Marina Discount to SHAGGERS

Those “Vice Commodores” cruising south at the end of the season

Gladstone Harbour Marina offers SICYC members 10% discount off casual berthing as well as great service.

**The Winner of the Gold Coast City Marina AND Ship Yard
Photo Both Competition...**



Congratulations!

Please Contact Luke at Gold Coast City Marina on 0408 758882





**THANK YOU TO ADRIAN AND LOUISE FROM WASP NQ PRODUCTIONS
FOR THE LONG HOURS WORKING EACH EVENT ON THE PROGRAM DURING
RENDEZVOUS 2018 AND THEN EDITING TO SHOW EACH DAYS ACTIVITIES ON
SCREEN EACH EVENING**



Fireworks

We were privileged to have seen the most fantastic fireworks display sponsored by Gold Coast City Marina.

The very big thank you to Mr Fireworks for this unique experience



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Walking the plank for Prostate Cancerrrrrrrrr



Over \$600 was collected to see Ken, Julie and Warwick WALK THE PLANK for Prostate Cancer.



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Helicopter Flights

Thanks to Hamilton Air .. Helicopter Flights were available on Sunday during the Pirate Party



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THANK YOU

To the Rendezvous SHAGGERS who presented Rhonda and I with an SICYC HERO Award at the pirate Party on Sunday 26 August.

It was really unexpected and a very emotional experience.
Tears all round.

As you are aware Rhonda and I are seeking individuals who may be interested in becoming part of a sub committee to plan and run future Rendezvous.

We will continue to be part of the SICYC management team and will be instrumental in the day to day operations of SICYC inc.



Cheers and Keep Smiling!!

Rhonda and Ken

“Vice Commodores” Caves Cove and Raby Bay